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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/664,400	Applicant(s) WARRIOR ET AL.	
	Examiner Toan N. Pham	Art Unit 2612	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-48 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 17-48 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 7-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3-6 and 13-16 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 12 recites the limitation "the times" in line 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1, 2, 7-9 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Chin et al. (US 6,844,814).

Regarding claim 1: Chin et al. disclose a wireless sensor apparatus comprising using at least one mobile data collector (21), having mobility that is unpredictable to wireless sensor network (10), for performing at least one of data collection from and data communication to at least one sensor in said wireless sensor network (col. 4, lines 36-41; Fig. 2).

Regarding claim 2: Chin et al. disclose deploying a plurality of said mobile data collectors, each having mobility that is unpredictable to the wireless sensor network (col. 4, line 37).

Regarding claim 7: Chin et al. disclose distributing sensors, including said at least one sensor, in the wireless sensor network, wherein the sensors are operable to capture measurement data for a feature of interest (col. 3, lines 38-40; Fig. 2).

Regarding claim 8: Chin et al. disclose one sensor is operable to perform at least one of the following: capture measurement data for a feature of interest, sensing, actuation, computation, data storage, and forwarding data (col. 3, lines 38-62).

Regarding claim 9: Chin et al. disclose the mobile data collector comprises a general-purpose mobile communication device (col. 3, lines 56-62; col. 4, line 40).

Regarding claim 11: Chin et al. disclose the mobile data collector forms transient communication links with said at least one sensor (col. 3, lines 59-67).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chin et al. (US 6,844,814).

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Regarding claim 10: Chin et al. does not disclose the data collector is from a group of cellular telephone, PDA, laptop computer, pager and a wireless communication device in a vehicle; however, Chin et al. disclose the data collector (21) is mobile and are controlled by one or more operators. Thus, a mobile device for control by an operator is obvious compact for the operator to maneuver. Therefore such compact devices are well known and used in cell phones, PDA or laptop computers.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 17-48 are allowed.

Claims 3-6 and 13-16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The prior art of Huang et al. (US 2003/0202479), Carroll (US 2006/0017809), and Ashwood-Smith et al. (US 2005/0207376) are cited to show a variety of network sensing systems.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Toan N. Pham whose telephone number is (571) 272-2967. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel J. Wu can be reached on (571) 272-2964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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September 12, 2006

TOAN N. PHAM
PRIMARY EXAMINER

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Toan N. Pham', written over the printed name and title.